

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

--A camera device includes an image data generation unit which generates image data corresponding to a captured image; a specific information generation unit which generates specific information relating to the image data; a recording unit which records the image data and the specific information on a removable recording medium which is removably attachable to the camera device; a reproducing unit which reproduces the image data and the specific information from the removable recording medium; an embedding unit which controllably embeds the reproduced specific information into the reproduced image data using a digital watermarking technique; and a control unit which controls the embedding unit to embed the reproduced specific information into the reproduced image data if a first process is selected by a user, and controls the embedding unit not to embed the reproduced specific information into the reproduced image data if a second process is selected by the user The object of the present inventions is to provide an ~~image recording and reproducing device and the method that can select obtaining of an extended definition image or obtaining of an image which buried ID as electronic watermark information, when a photographed image and ID relating to the image are recorded and reproduced. According to the present invention, the compressed image data and the ID generated are recorded on different areas in the track of a magnetic tape. During reproduction, reproduced ID are converted to electronic watermark information by the conversion circuit. To obtain the extended definition the reproduced image data are output in their condition, through switches. Further, to obtain the security the switches are~~

~~switched to expand the reproduced data and multiplexed with the electronic watermark
information to output.--~~